

Information Notes for Participants

The 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses



5-9 December 2016

Hamburg, Germany

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MEETING VENUE

RAMADA Hotel Hamburg-Bergedorf

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[Hotel Website](#)

Conference Room: Hamburg - Stralsund

Welcome to Hamburg

The German CCNFSDU Secretariat welcomes you to the 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU). This document provides information on the session, the venue and transportation from the airport. We wish you a pleasant visit as well as a productive session.

Session Date

The 38th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses will be held at the Ramada Hotel from 5-9 December. The opening session will commence at 10:00 am on Monday, 5 December 2016. The Physical Working Group on the Revision of the Standard for Follow-up Formula will be held on Saturday, 3 December 2016 from 9:00 to 17:00.

Registration

The participants of the meeting should provide the relevant information (names, official titles and addresses) through the online registration system by accessing the following link, at the latest by 5 November 2016:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login>

The login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Contact Points and Contact Point of Observers Organizations. If the login and password have not been received, please contact: codex@fao.org

Instructions for registration can be found at: www.ccnfsdu.de

At the meeting, participants will be able to complete the mandatory second part of the registration procedure. This will take place in the lobby of the Hotel on:

Saturday 3 December 2016, starting at 8 am

Monday 5 December 2016, starting at 7.30 am

The participants will receive identification badges and all necessary organisational information.

Identification badges must be visible and worn during the whole meeting.

Documentation

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting. This documentation is available in English, French and Spanish on www.codexalimentarius.org.

Conference Room Documents will be available electronically during the session. The Report of the Physical Working Group and the draft Report of the 38th session of CCNFSDU will be available in the Conference Room.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and German during the meeting.

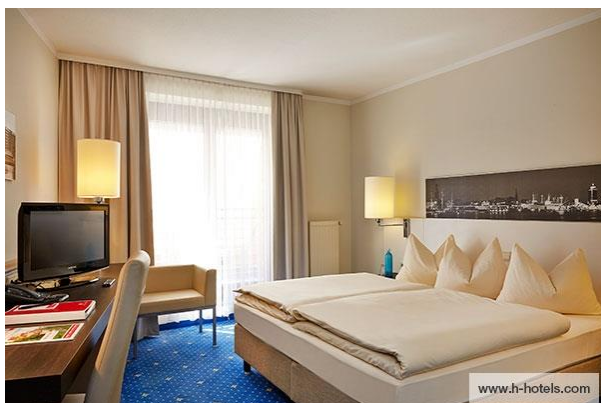
Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting venue so working documents and other information can also be downloaded during the meeting.

Accommodation

RAMADA Hotel Hamburg-Bergedorf

Located in Hamburg-Bergedorf, a 25 min drive from Hamburg City Centre and a 40 min drive from Hamburg Airport. Address: Holzhude 2, 21029 Hamburg.



- A block of rooms has been reserved until 24 October 2016.
- The special rate at the RAMADA Hotel for participants is **104.00 €** per night for a single occupancy and **133.00 €** per night for double occupancy.
- All rates include **breakfast & complimentary internet** in guest rooms.

Book early to reserve your room! The hotel reservation form can be found at www.ccnfsdu.de.

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. It is highly recommended that you make a hotel reservation as soon as possible.

Hotels nearby

Hotel name and address	Rate / night including breakfast and VAT if not stated otherwise*	Distance from hotel to venue
Commundo Tagungshotel Oberer Landweg 27 Website Hotel	Single room: € 77** Double room: € 97** Hotel reservation: rezeption.hamburg@commundo-tagungshotels.de	25 min walking 10 min by Bus
Hotel Sachsentor Bergedorfer Schlosstr. 10 Website Hotel	Single room: € 85 Double room: € 111 Hotel reservation: rezeption@hotelsachsentor.de	5 min walking

* Prices are subject to change. ** from 6-8 December 81 € for a single and 101 € for a double room

More hotels in Hamburg-Bergedorf: <http://www.bergedorf.de/hotels.html>

More hotels can be found in Hamburg City (It takes approximately 20 min to get from Hamburg City to the Venue by public transportation): <http://www.hamburg-travel.com/hotels>

Arrival Information

The RAMADA Hotel is only a 6-min walk away from the train station ‘Bergedorf’.

Bergedorf is easy to reach by public transportation:



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A station for the regional train network is located in front of Hamburg Airport. The railway station is called “Hamburg Airport”. The regional train S1 (every 10 min) will take you from “Hamburg Airport” station to the main railway station (Hauptbahnhof) in Hamburg city where you have to change to the trains S2, S21 or RE1. Travel time to Hamburg-Bergedorf is approximately 50 minutes.

You should buy a ticket (www.hvv.de/en/) for price category AB (3.20 € single).

Another option for reaching the venue is to take a taxi:

Hamburg-Bergedorf is located approximately 25 km from Hamburg Airport (HAM). By taxi, it takes approximately 40 minutes to the venue and costs around 50 €. Taxis are always available in front of the main arrival points.

Visa Information

Participants requiring a Schengen visa to enter Germany are advised to contact the **competent embassies and consulates-general** of the Federal Republic of Germany as soon as possible to apply for their visa.

Here you can find out whether you need a Schengen visa for your visit; a Schengen visa is valid for 90 days: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html.

The chairperson of the CCNFSDU and the German CCNFSDU Secretariat do not issue personalized invitations to the meetings of the CCNFSDU. Furthermore, the chairperson and the CCNFSDU Secretariat cannot expedite visa applications.

Please visit the website of the Federal Foreign Office for further information: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Startseite_node.html.

Distance Information

	Distance from Venue	Transport
Hamburg City	22 km	Public transportation ~ 20 min Rental Car/ Taxi ~ 25 min
Hamburg Airport	25 km	Public transportation ~ 55 min Rental Car/Taxi ~ 40 min
Lübeck	70 km	Train ~ 1.10 hrs. Rental Car ~ 55 min
Bremen	130 km	Train ~ 1.30 hrs Rental Car ~ 1.30 hrs
North sea (Cuxhaven)	150 km	Train ~ 2.20 hrs Rental Car ~ 2hrs
Berlin	280 km	Train ~ 2.20 hrs Rental Car ~ 3 hrs.

Other Information

Climate

Temperatures tend to fall in December, with daily highs decreasing from 7°C to 4°C over the course of the month, exceeding 11°C or dropping below -2°C only one day in ten. Daily low temperatures range from -1°C to 2°C, falling below -7°C or exceeding 7°C only one day in ten. Rain and snow are not uncommon at this time of the year, so we advise participants to bring warm coats and umbrellas.

Currency

The Euro is the only currency accepted in Germany. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores. ATM machines are available at the airport as well as near the venue hotel. Currency exchange is available at the airport and in Hamburg City.

Electrical Current

Electricity in Germany is 230 Volts and 50 Hertz.
Plugs of type C/F are required.



Language

The official language in Germany is German. English is widely spoken.

Time zone

Hamburg is in the Central European Time zone (CET), which is GMT/UTC +01:00 hour.

50 Years of CCFNSDU

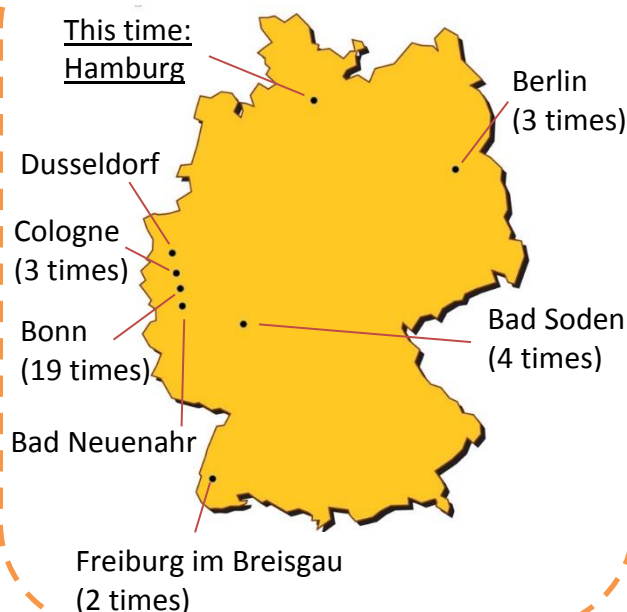
This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the CCFNSDU. From the beginning Germany has been the host country. The first session took place in Freiburg im Breisgau in the year 1966.

Interesting facts

8 different Chairs

1966 – 1968	Dr. Edmund Forschbach
1969 - 1972	Mr. H. P. Mollenhauer
1974 – 1977	Dr. R. Franck
1978 – 1985	Dr. Horst Drews
1987 – 1991	Dr. Günter Pahlke
1992 – 1996	Prof. Dr. Arpad Somogyi
1998 – 2009	Dr. Rolf Großklaus
Since 2010	Dr. Pia Noble

Many different Cities:



A huge increase from 30 participants representing 8 member countries and 3 observer organizations in the year 1966 to 292 participants from 66 member countries, 1 member organization and 36 observer organizations in 2015.

Co-hosted sessions



Hamburg



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Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany and the eighth largest city in the European Union. Its population is over 1.7 million people, and the Hamburg Metropolitan Region has more than 5 million inhabitants. The city is situated on the river Elbe.

The official name reflects its history as a member of the medieval Hanseatic League, as a free imperial city of the Holy Roman Empire, a city-state, and one of the 16 states of Germany.

Hamburg is a transport hub, being the 2nd largest port in Europe, and is an affluent city in Europe. The city is a notable tourist destination for both domestic and overseas visitors; it ranked 16th in the world for livability in 2015. The ensemble Speicherstadt and Kontorhausviertel was declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in July 2015.



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The RAMADA Hotel is located in Hamburg-Bergedorf, the largest of the seven boroughs of Hamburg, located in the east. Bergedorf offers a nice historical town center, the only castle in Hamburg and lovely, askew half-timbered buildings.



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A sweeping view, a fresh breeze and plenty of light – hardly any other city has as many attractions and places of interest as Hamburg. Below you will find an overview of the most famous landmarks in Hamburg City:

Places of Interest

Hamburg Harbour

About 13,000 ships from all over the world call at Europe's second largest port. From the cruise ship terminal to the historic 'Speicherstadt' warehouse district and the landing bridges to the modern container port - aromas here are redolent of freedom and far-away lands. From the St Pauli Landungsbrücken you can also take a harbour boat trip on one of the barges that are so typical of Hamburg.



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The "Michel"

St. Michaelis, the Lutheran main church in the southern part of the Neustadt, is affectionately known by locals as 'Michel' for short. The church was built between 1647 and 1669. Twice a day, at 10 am and 9 pm, you can hear trumpets playing from the 132m tower. It has been a tradition for 300 years and marks a moment of silence and contemplation for the local people. The observation deck of the church tower stands at a height of 106 metres and offers a panoramic view of the port and the city.

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Town Hall

Built between 1886 and 1897, Hamburg's town hall dominates the city centre with its impressive architecture and its 112 metre-high tower. This magnificent sandstone Neo-Renaissance building is the seat of the Hamburg Senate and the Hamburg State Parliament. It has 647 rooms and its façade displays the statues of twenty kings and emperors of the old German Empire. The representative halls and back rooms can be viewed only on guided tours.



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“Speicherstadt”

The “Speicherstadt”, the world's largest integrated complex of warehouses, was built in 1883, five years before Hamburg received its free port. Since 1991, the unique district has been given historic monument protection. You can travel the narrow canals in small barges to savour the architectural details if the tide is right. A canal tour with a historic barge like this is an unforgettable experience.



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St. Pauli and the “Reeperbahn”

The Reeperbahn, also called “Kiez” is and remains Hamburg's entertainment district number one. The theatre Operettenhaus, numerous table dance bars, nightclubs and student clubs – everything can be found on 930 meters! During the day rather quiet, the street awakens at night.

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“Weihnachtsmarkt” – Christmas Market

Experience the winter magic in the Hanseatic City! The eyes of visitors light up with the romantic Christmas decorations – each year Hamburg turns into a real Christmas fairytale. Discover the festive lights, arts and crafts and delicious delicacies at the variety of Christmas markets in Hamburg.



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To find out more about Hamburg and its famous landmarks, please visit the following website: www.hamburg-travel.com.

For any additional questions on
the 38th CCNFSDU session, please
contact the CCNFSDU Secretariat
at the main email box:

ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de

**We look forward to seeing you in
Hamburg, Germany!**